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Land Revenue.

Loans applied for and sanctioned in the Bellary district.

297 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the number of applications for loans received in the Bellary district in the current fasli;

(2) the total amount of the loans so applied for;

(3) the amount sanctioned up to date for disbursement of loans; and

(4) the staff employed to deal with the applications for loans?

A.—(1) to (3) Information is available only for the quarter ending 30th September 1923 in the current fasli and is given in the following statement:—

Number of applications received.	Amount of loans applied for.	Amount sanctioned.
	RS.	RS.
380	1,21,834	89,774

(4) The following temporary staff has been employed in the Bellary taluk to deal with applications:—

One tahsildar.
Four revenue inspectors.
Three clerks.
Six peons.

Collection of loans advanced in the Bellary district.

298 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the villages in the Bellary district in which the collection of either the principal or interest or both of the loans advanced in faslis 1330 and 1331 under the Agricultural Improvement and Loans Acts, respectively, were since (*a*) postponed and (*b*) remitted?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.

Tree-tax on poramboke trees.

299 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount received by way of tree-tax on poramboke trees in each district in the year 1922–23 as well as in the year 1920-21;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the enhanced tax is to be paid on all trees whether they bear fruit or not;

(*c*) whether the Government have made any distinction regarding the tree-tax among various districts and, if so, where and why;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any memorials on this matter and whether they are aware that the enhancement of the tree-tax is causing considerable hardship and much opposition among the public; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any idea of revising the rates of the tree-tax at an early date?

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A—(*a*) The amounts for 1920–21 are not available. The figures for 1922–23 are given in the following statement :—

District.	Fasli 1332. RS.	District.	Fasli 1332. RS.
Agency district ...	4	South Arcot ...	64,539
Ganjām	489	Tanjore	1,46,610
Vizagapatam ...	73	Trichinopoly ...	74,325
Gōdāvari	126	Madura	25,621
Kistna	602	Ramnad ...	3,901
Guntūr	89	Tinnevelly ...	39,773
Nellore	3,118	Coimbatore ...	29,621
Cuddapah	161	The Nilgiris ...	1
Anantapur	163	Salem	51,720
Bellary	1,619	South Kanara ...	649
Kurnool	1,489	Malabar ...	2
Madras	314	Anjengo ...	...
Chingleput	14,704		
Chittoor	11,174	Total ...	4,92,927
North Arcot ...	22,040		

(*b*) Yes, so long as it is not relinquished by the pattadar.

(*c*) No, except in the cases of Anantapur and Tanjore. For the distinction in these two districts, the hon. Member is referred to G.Os. No. 2207, Revenue, dated 4th October 1921, and No. 136, Revenue, dated 24th January 1923, which were placed on Editors' Table.

(*d*) Yes, from the districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore. The Government are not aware of any general hardship.

(*e*) No.

The Badakhan tank in the Kurnool taluk.

300 *Q*.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to abandon the tank known as the Badakhan tank in the Kurnool taluk, Kurnool district;

(*b*) if so, the necessity for abandoning the tank;

(*c*) the extent of the bed of the said tank and of the ayacut under it;

(*d*) whether the tank-bed has been assigned on patta either permanently or temporarily to anybody;

(*e*) if so, to whom; and

(*f*) if not, whether the Government will consider the desirability of assigning it to landless people in the neighbouring villages, especially to the depressed classes?

A.—The Government have no information.

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—"Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for information?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—"I shall try to get the information."